

Success Story

Erie County



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Rick Wojcik selected as the ECDOH Honor Roll recipient for the NYSDOH Public Health Works! Honor Roll program

Rick Wojcik, Senior Sanitarian in the ECDOH Public Health Laboratories, Epidemiology & Environmental Health Division, was selected as the ECDOH Honor Roll recipient for the NYSDOH Public Health Works! Honor Roll program.

Rick has been with the ECDOH for 32 years. Throughout his service, he has exemplified the conscientious dedication to public health management that is the backbone of public health protection. Rick gives every incident, inspection or recommendation the same very thorough attention to detail and follow through. His concern is reflected in extra effort, above and beyond what is expected, that is a typical day for Rick.

An essential part of Rick's dedication and professionalism is his keen attention to new health information and how it applies to each situation. He has focused his considerable aptitude on the application of current science and standards in his work from illness and accident investigations

to food, rabies, pools, beaches, campgrounds and on-site sewage. At the same time he is always willing to openly look at problem situations and think "outside the box" to arrive at health solutions and improvements. Congratulations Rick on a job well done!

The Public Health Works! Honor Roll recognizes the important and crucial work performed by public health professionals and raises awareness among the general public of the importance of public health. Each local health department in the state was asked to select an employee or a team of employees for inclusion in the 2010 Honor Roll.

Each Honor Roll recognized employee or team should:

- Strive to prevent disease & promote good health
- Exhibit a continued & significant commitment to improving health in the community, and/or
- Provide day-to-day service that enables the local health department to accomplish its mission to protect the public's health, promote good health, and prevent disease

They should also exhibit the following qualities:

- Dedication
- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Teamwork
- Desire to serve the public
- Commitment to continued professional growth
- Respect for diverse values, cultures & underserved populations

For more information about this program go to www.nyhealth.gov/prevention/public_health_works.

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